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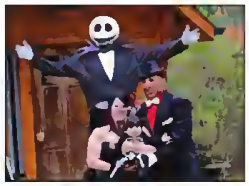

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Fort Erie top of mind at Queen's Park

MIKE DIBATTISTA QMI Agency Niagara

The future of the Fort Erie Race Track is sure to be a hot-button issue during an upcoming byelection in the riding. The opposition Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats say the governing Liberals aren't doing enough for small-town Fort Erie.

Byelection for Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake riding likely to come down to the wire

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Hot-button issues in the Niagara Falls and Fort Erie riding have been simmering in the Ontario legislature this past week and the governing Liberals are on the receiving end of attacks from their adversaries.

Since 10-year Liberal representative Kim Craitor resigned in late September, the party leaders have been to the riding -- Progressive Conservative Tim Hudak and New Democrat Andrea Horwath multiple times -- as they try and win what is likely to be a tightly-contested byelection within four months.

The NDP are blasting the Liberals for what they believe to be the government putting the interests of big-city Toronto and its Woodbine Racetrack over those of small-town Fort Erie and its on life-support horse facility.

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Former Fort Erie resident dies in wind storm

Sarah Ferguson
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Andrea Stewart will be remembered by those that knew her best as kind, creative and fun.

"She loved reading, she loved jewelry and she loved watching her CSIs and Criminal Minds," long-time friend Kaye Wagner-Dekoning said.

Her loved ones were left "stone shocked" when Stewart, 56, was killed Friday morning when a large tree fell on the car she was driving on Fielden Ave. in Port Colborne, Wagner-Dekoning said.

Environment Canada reported Port Colborne recorded the strongest wind gusts in the province Friday with gusts of up to 106 km/h. Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services responded to the call for a tree that fell on the car Stewart was driving shortly after 11 a.m. Stewart was pronounced dead at the scene.

Family and friends were left in disbelief about the tragic accident.

"Andrea had lived in Port Colborne a long time. She lived right next door to me," Wagner-Dekoning said of Stewart.

Stewart, originally from the Fort Erie area, has lived in Port Colborne for "many years" and became part of a close-knit group of neighbours on Omer Ave.

Although Stewart never married and didn't have children, Wagner-Dekoning said her friend cherished her family and would spend as much time with them as she could. Wagner-Dekoning said Stewart's family lived out-of-town.

"She has a brother, two sisters and two nieces she loved very much," she said.

"We became friends and have been for a long time ... we often hung out together," Wagner-Dekoning added.

She described Stewart as someone who preferred spending time with several close friends and family.

"She always liked to have fun and she usually stayed in our little circle of friends."

"Andrea had always spent many afternoons sitting on my front porch. My front porch is where we would congregate and chat," Wagner-Dekoning said.

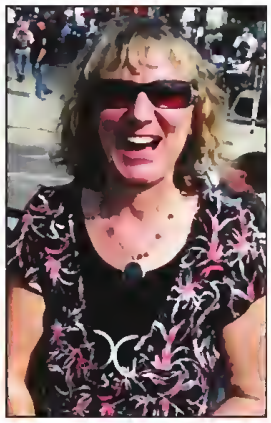
Stewart loved living in Port Colborne because of her neighbours living nearby, she said.

"She didn't venture too far outside of our circle. She felt comfortable with us. She'd visit her family quite a bit, but she was content to stay home."

At Frank's Home Building Centre in Port Colborne, where Stewart had worked for 26 years, owner Frank Danch was left in shock.

"Andrea worked as a bookkeeper for me for 15 years, and even longer for my father before that," said Danch, who learned of Stewart's death Friday afternoon.

"She's the kind of person who wouldn't hurt a fly," he said.



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Opposition parties say Liberals not doing enough

From Page 1

The NDP are blasting the Liberals for what they believe to be the government putting the interests of big-city Toronto and its Woodbine Racetrack over those of small-town Fort Erie and its on life-support horse facility.

Hudak sent an open letter to Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne, bemoaning the government's decision to close the slots at the track. He said the government should restore the slots, form a public-private partnership to run them and share the revenue locally.

Hudak sent an open letter to Horwath, criticizing her for "continuing to prop up the Wynne government.

"I'm tired of the NDP hypocrisy where they criticize the Liberals in the morning and then happily prop them up in the afternoon," he said in an interview.

Hudak has called on the NDP to support a PC motion to bring down the minority Liberals.

"The theatrics are quite amusing," Mark Cripps, a Wynne spokesman, said of the NDP and PC criticism.

He said the government is providing $400 million over five years to the horse-racing industry. The province would like Fort Erie to host a few select races similar to Churchill Downs in the U.S. rather than a full schedule. The government hopes Fort Erie track officials can develop a business plan that "meets the criteria" of the government's plan.

"For the vast majority of the Fort Erie Race Track's existence, it ran as a festival meet," Cripps said.

Hudak is also hammering the Liberals for not acting on a year-old recommendation by provincially appointed Niagara Health System supervisor Kevin Smith to build a new hospital near the QEW and Lyons Creek Rd. The hospital would replace aging sites in Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Welland and Port Colborne.

"Your own adviser, Dr. Kevin Smith, has said you'll actually save money here," Hudak said in the legislature.

Liberal Health Minister Deb Matthews said her ministry is reviewing a hospital proposal submitted by the NHS.

"While we have been consistent in our commitment to health care in Niagara, the same can't be said for Mr. Hudak, whose remarkable change of attitude can be explained only as byelection posturing," Matthews said in an e-mail.

"It wasn't very long ago that Mr. Hudak said he would not support a new hospital project in his own riding until the economic situation improves."

Hudak said it's the Liberals that have a record of flip flopping during byelections and that he has supported a new hospital since it was proposed.

"If (a byelection is) what it takes to get a new hospital built in south Niagara, I'm not going to apologize for it, I'll keep the pressure up, same with the racetrack," he said. "I'm the only leader that's actually stood behind a new hospital for south Niagara."

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FESS students focus on farm to table

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

The Pomegranate Restaurant at Fort Erie Secondary School was once the town's best-kept secret.

In seven years, students and program developers have built the restaurant to a fine-dining experience that is booked solid until the end of December.

"Every year we bring the restaurant a level higher and build on the experience and knowledge of the students," said Afshin Keyvani, hospitality and culinary teacher at FESS.

Their focus this year was to support local farmers, use organic foods, teach students to grow their own foods.

Debbie and John Sexsmith have worked closely with the school both at their farm on Dominion Rd. and at the high school's greenhouse.

Ryan Timbers, educational assistant with the special needs program, said his students are growing various herbs and produce items in the school's greenhouse as well.

"It's a vocational training program for them. It starts in the classroom and then moves into the greenhouse - it's hands on," he said.

The High Skills Major: Hospitality and Tourism program at FESS is more than learning simple cooking techniques, it teaches students what it takes to run a restaurant.

This is the only program of its kind in Canada.

With the focus shifting to nutrition and the push to provide organic foods with no pesticides on plants, the partnership with Sexsmith Farms and the Fort Erie Horticultural Society are important to teach students the importance of food and what is going into the foods they're preparing. In addition to letting FESS students use a parcel of land at Sexsmith Farms, the farm has also been helping students with hands on work and growing tips.

The school was fortunate enough to land a $500 grant from the town, which allowed them to install a water system in half of their greenhouse.

"It allows us to grow some plants that we weren't able to grow in the past," said Timbers.

"No one else has this in Canada, Fort Erie is the only high school. We have a good crew and great partnerships. Since Keyvani came on board to make necessary changes we've seen a huge turnaround. There's a push on nutrition and it's been very successful."

The Pomegranate Restaurant has its faithful returning customers such as the Lions Club and The Red Hat Society.

MELISSA MANGELSEN The Times

Ryan Timber, educational assistant with the special needs program at FESS, and Afshin Keyvani, hospitality and culinary teacher, harvest some fresh herbs for food service at the Pomegranate Restaurant.

Like any restaurant they are judged on their food. Guests are treated to meals prepared and served by students in an atmosphere of fine dining.

Every meal is a four-course meal.

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"If you have a reservation and you call ahead we will accommodate anyone who has a food allergy, vegetarians or vegans," said Keyvani. "That's something not a lot of people know."

Many of the students from this program go on to take culinary courses at a higher level.

"We have students who have went on to become great chefs. Niagara College has told us that they can always pick out the students who have graduated from FESS based on their level of skill when they get to the college level."

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Man fined after lying about bringing gun into Canada

Karena Walter
QMI Agency Niagara

An Arkansas man was fined $2,500 Monday for lying about carrying a gun into Canada when he tried to cross the border into Fort Erie.

Jermaine Oliver, 29, drove to the St. Catharines courthouse from Arkansas Monday to plead guilty to making a false statement to a customs officer.

"It's not very often someone makes a 17-hour drive to make a plea of guilty," said lawyer George Walker. "It's important to my client it's dealt with."

Federal prosecutor Peter Wenglowski said Oliver entered Canada at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie on May 4 and told customs officers he didn't have any firearms. During a secondary inspection, officers discovered an unloaded pistol in the compartment of the driver's side door. A magazine containing bullets was found in the dashboard.

Wenglowski argued for jail time, saying a monetary penalty is akin to a licencing fee to lie to customers officers.

But Walker said it was "an honest mistake" and Oliver has never had any issues with the law.

He said Oliver has a fear of losing his career because he's licenced as a technician for nuclear power plants in the U.S. and needs to be recertified.

Judge Peter Wilkie said he didn't believe Oliver forgot the gun was there. But the fact Oliver has to fight for his job is a huge penalty that should act as a deterrent for others.

Lock it or lose it, police warn

Bill Sawchuk
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara police have a simple message for shoppers, with the holiday season approaching — lock your car, take your keys and hide your valuables.

"The bad guys know you are not going to be back for a few hours," said Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire. "It's not just leaving the cars unlocked. It's leaving things visible. People walk through parking lots. They look through windows. They are not going to break into a car until they look in and see something they want.

"A person that's desperate enough might just want a cup-holder full of loonies. That's enough. Take it out of view. Prevent the opportunity. Prevent the crime. It saves us resources and it saves you aggravation."

Police officers were at the Pen Centre Monday reinforcing the Lock or Lose It campaign, part of Crime Prevention Week.

In addition to a display in the mall that included a new rebranded police cruiser, McGuire and a team of officers canvassed the parking lot looking for unlocked vehicles and valuables left in plain sight.

"We did see things in a number of cars, for instance a laptop on the backseat of a car," he said. "We saw a number of GPSs hanging from windshields. We saw piles of coins. Take a look at your car before you get out."

After police checked vehicles Monday, small notices were placed on the windshield or the door offering tips for drivers to protect their vehicle against theft.

"You hear car alarms going off," McGuire said. "Society is immune to them now, unless they are keeping you awake. Don't rely on your alarm to help. If it's not locked up in the trunk, you take the risk of losing it."

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to an anonymous museum volunteer for identifying most of the trick or treaters in last week's photo taken at the YMCA nursery school at the East end Arena in 1981. They were from left to right, Joanna Cardill (bunny); Kevin Stehling (pirate); Jenny Shergold (witch); and an unknown clown.

On the back of this week's photo it says, Canada/U.S.A. Camping Club, 1972. If you know the people in this photo or anything about this club, we would love to hear from you. Please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

Searching for letters from the front

Corey Larocque
Editor's Notebook

There's nothing unique about a letter from a soldier stationed abroad during wartime. And yet everything's unique about a letter from a soldier abroad.

That's why it was so intriguing when a 70-year-old piece of history dropped into our hands a few weeks ago. A 1943 letter written by Wally Cornelius, from Niagara Falls, is just one of millions of letters that were written by soldiers, sailors and airmen during the Second World War. A curator at a military museum said he's sitting on "a metric tonne" of them.

But when Stoney Creek man Ron Harrod brought it to us, it was impossible not to be in awe of the circumstances in which it was written, marvel at what he was doing as a part of an air force flight crew, and chuckle at his lament he only had three dates in 1942.

Harrod found the letter among the possessions of his own late parents, the recipients of the letter. Across Canada and around the world, there must be millions of similar letters-- in countless languages with innumerable postmarks--tucked away in drawers, closets and shoeboxes.

We're using this particular letter as a starting point to find out anything we can about Mr. Cornelius. On Remembrance Day, we'll publish the results of that search.

After all, there will soon be a day when there are no more veterans of the Second World War, which ended 68 years ago. Letters like this will be the only tangible connection to the men and women whose sacrifices shaped our world.

On Remembrance Day, those of us who have never known the scourge of war, are encouraged to honour the sacrifices of those who fought. How can we remember them if we don't even know who they are. We'd like to know more about Mr. Cornelius and his comrades. Hopefully a two-page letter Mr. Cornelius wrote from a sand-filled tent somewhere in Africa 70 years ago isn't the only thing we'll have to remember him by.

We'd also invite readers to share any similar letters they have with us. We'll scan them and make digital copies of the letters. They'll be displayed on our website.

If you have letters from the front, written by a family member who served in one of Canada's wars, please bring it to The Review office at 4801 Valley Way in Niagara Falls, The Tribune office at 228 East Main St. in Welland or The Standard office at 1 St. Paul St. in St. Catharines.

If you're able to scan it yourself, please e-mail it to nfr.citydesk@sunmedia.ca with "Soldier Letter" in the subject line.

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opinion page

Equal gender representation needs to be seen in boardrooms

Dear editor,

Since the news broke of Twitter's all-male corporate crew, the significance of equal gender representation in the boardroom has been a hot topic – and it's not just semantics.

In Canada, over 47% of the workforce is female, and women constitute the majority of university graduates. Regardless, 40% of our corporations still have zero women in the boardroom. There is no shortage of qualified candidates for the roles, either; 37% of mid-level managers are women. BMO's board is one-third female, and CEO John Downe isn't shy to say that his better-than-average ratio has been huge to BMO's successes.

And let's not forget the intrinsic value of descriptive representation. Being represented at the top empowers female workers at every level. Empowering 47% of your workforce through a small change of staff seems to be a good trade-off, especially as Canada has had a crawling start out of the recession.

Nick Hollard
Niagara Falls

New economic model needed, says reader

Dear editor,

Tourism has been a fundamental driver of Niagara's economy, but tourism's growth factor no longer remains.

Niagara needs a new economic model.

Tourism employs 22,000 part-time and seasonal workers, but many are dismissed during tourism's low season.

Entrepr eneurs entering the Niagara market must diversify and capitalize on other regional strengths — manufacturing, agribusiness, transportation and logistics — to minimize seasonal unemployment.

Capitalizing on Niagara's other strengths requires a change from its current managed economy, which focuses on continuity and stability, to an entrepreneurial economy, which thrives on change and innovation. To reignite economic growth in the region, this change is essential. Niagara must attract and develop entrepreneurs through incentives such as research centres, office space and knowledge-sharing networks so entrepreneurship can truly flourish.

Niagara's economy of tomorrow depends on the decisions of entrepreneurs today.

Ian Poulin
Niagara Falls

Cheating should never be the answer

Dear editor,

Cheaters never prosper, but what happens on the occasion where the cheater gets away with it?

They take the credit from those who rightly deserve, and worked hard for it.

New light needs to be shed on those who work hard and those who cheat to get ahead in school, work and life in general. Although it is impossible to know the real reason why people cheat, it seems as though they lack the creativity and the capability to think for themselves.

Why take the risk of getting caught when one can feel a sense of achievement knowing they worked hard and can have pride for their work that they came up with themselves. Technology is improving in ways to prevent cheating, but ways of cheating are also rising.

Technology can't stop it all though.

It's also up to the witness to stop it.

Arcangela Didio
St. Catharines

Gender diversity on corporate boards

Dear editor,

With global competition between corporations on the rise, gender diversity is a crucial component to corporate boardrooms. Women provide a key competitive advantage to corporations due to their intellectual abilities.

Canada is absent from the global dialogue on boardroom diversity. Canada must embrace gender diversity in the boardroom because women have a more complex mindset in contrast to their male counterparts. This complex mindset allows females to have better reasoning and problem solving skills. As a result, women will be able to provide effective solutions to the challenges a company may face. With the addition of more women on corporate boards, women will have a positive impact on the performance of the board. In order for Canadian companies to rise above competitors in the corporate world, diversity in the boardroom must be a more prominent issue.

Trisha Ziemianin
St. Catharines

Hire the right person for the job, regardless of gender

Dear editor,

I must disagree that reserving seats or meeting a diversity quota will improve performance.

However, focusing on hiring the most qualified individual for a position rather than trying to meet a quota is most beneficial.

I agree that having women on corporate boards adds diversity and diversity does improve financial performance, but investors look for high return for shareholders, not for quotas met.

When a company is truly hiring the right person for the position, financial performance will improve.

This is not to say women are not qualified for executive positions.

But if you are focusing to meet a quota and not focusing on hiring the most qualified executives, it is as detrimental as lacking corporate board diversity.

Devan Pellow
Niagara Falls

Ridgeway stores expand hours for holiday shoppers

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

The Christmas music is playing on radio stations and inside certain stores, but some downtown Ridgeway businesses are showing their holiday spirit a bit differently by staying open later.

Beginning this Thursday, eight shops on Ridge Rd. will stay open two hours later in an attempt to attract more shoppers to stay in town.

Vivianne Cooney, owner of Downtown Dollar and Discount and a Ridgeway Business Improvement Area board member, said normally shops close at 5 p.m. on Thursdays, but will stay open until 7 p.m. every Thursday until the end of December. beginning this week

"We're never open at night. The pharmacies are, but the stores aren't," she said. "It seems everybody has the idea that Ridgeway rolls up the sidewalks at 5 p.m. and no one walks down the streets."

Karen Malton, owner of the Work of Art Frame Shop, said the downtown core is "quiet as hell" on a weeknight.

She said the Fort Erie economy is bad, forcing people to work out of town.

"Because of that, hopefully the later hours will mean people will wander downtown," Malton said, adding she will be working overtime Thursdays.

"You got to do what you got to do."

> **It seems everybody has the idea that Ridgeway rolls up the sidewalks at 5 p.m.**
>
> *— Vivianne Cooney*
> *Ridgeway Business Improvement Area board member*

Cooney said aside from the restaurants, service providers and pharmacies, there aren't a lot of shops lining Ridge Rd.

"The stores we do have are unique and I think could really help people with their Christmas shopping," she said.

The shops will also open their doors every Sunday in December.

The stores participating this year include:

- Schnittz N Giggles candy store
- Lakeside Book Store
- Lasting Impressions and First Impressions
- A Renaissance Woman consignment boutique
- The Three Ferrises woman's clothing store
- Where'd U Get That gift store
- Work of Art Frame Shop
- Downtown Dollar and Discount

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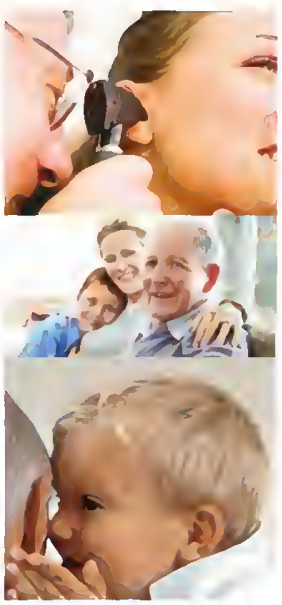
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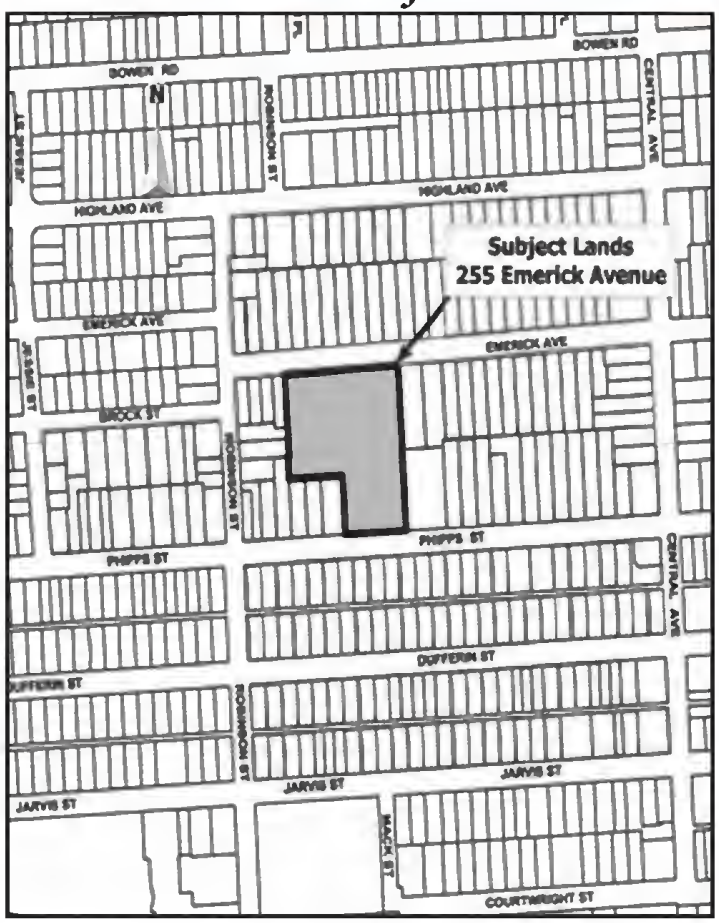
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
255 Emerick Avenue (former Rose Seaton Public School)
OWNER: DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA (DSBN)
APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE ON BEHALF OF DSBN
Application: 350309-372

DATE: DECEMBER 2ND, 2013
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



PROPOSED CHANGE

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a combined Official Plan and Zoning by-law Amendment for lands owned by the District School Board Niagara located at 255 Emerick Avenue (former Rose Seaton Public School). The DSBN Trustees voted to approve the Accommodation Review Committee Report that recommended the closure of Rose Seaton Public School on February 12, 2012. In accordance with the recommendations of the Accommodation Review Committee Report, Rose Seaton School was closed on August 31, 2013. The District School Board of Niagara has requested that the Town initiate the necessary Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments to redevelop the underutilized site for its highest and best use.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment will change the designation of the subject lands from Institutional to a site specific policy area to permit certain Institutional uses in addition to residential uses. The proposed Zoning by-law amendment will change the zoning of the subject lands from Institutional to site specific Residential Multiple 1 RM1 Zone which would permit a variety of residential uses including single detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings, duplexes and triplexes as well as a few institutional uses.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on November 29th, 2013. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to ckett@town.forterie.on.ca.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

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Dated this 7th day of November, 2013
Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk Dave Heyworth, MCIP, RPP, Acting Director of Community and Development Services

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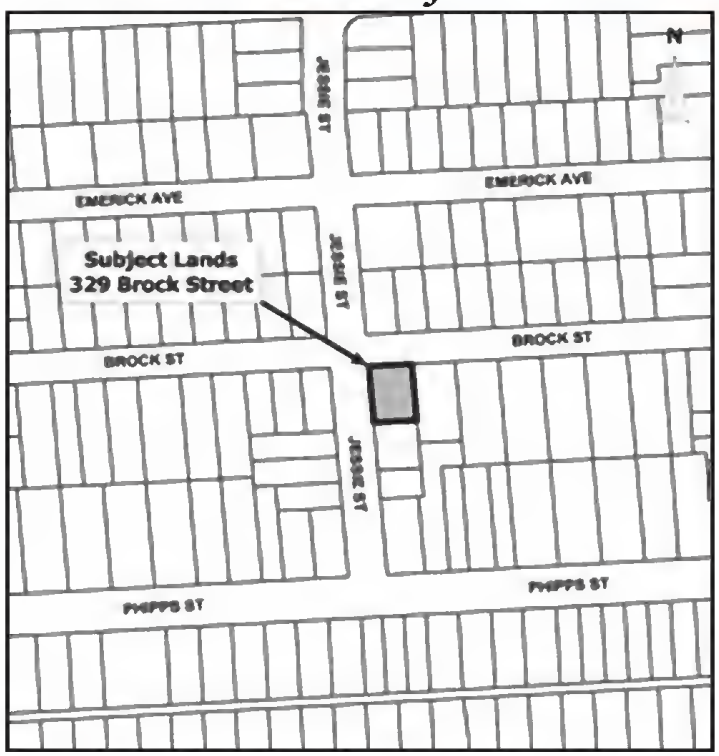
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
329 Brock Street
OWNER: DONALD COUTURE AND ALEXIS CATHCART
APPLICANT: VIC KERSCHL
Application: 350309-349

DATE: DECEMBER 2ND, 2013
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



PROPOSED CHANGE

The Town of Fort Erie has recently received an application for an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 for the lands located at 329 Brock Street. The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to change the zoning of the lands located at 329 Brock Street from Residential 2 R2 Zone to a Site Specific Residential 3 R3 Zone. The purpose of the amendment is to bring the existing triplex dwelling on the subject site into conformity with the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90. The proposed zoning will permit the triplex dwelling and the proposed site specific provisions will recognize existing deficient setbacks and a reduction in the width of the existing landscape buffer on the property.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

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Dated this 7th day of November, 2013
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THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE TENDER FOR TERRACE LANE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

CONTRACT NO. ISE-13T-TERR10

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2013

Commencing immediately afterwards on the above date, tenders will be opened publicly at the Fort Erie Town Hall Meeting Room No. 3.

The work includes:

- The replacement of approximately 145m of 100mm dia. watermain with a new 150mm dia. watermain on Terrace Lane, between Ridgeway Road and Lake Street, including all associated service laterals, and appurtenances;
- Widening of Terrace Lane to include additional parking on the south sides of the street, complete with excavation, granular, concrete curb and gutter, asphalt and restoration.

All Town of Fort Erie formal competitive bid opportunities, issued by the Purchasing Services Division, are posted on Biddingo.com and organized by commodity.

If a hard copy is required, tender documents may be picked up at the Town Hall, Engineering Division, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6, commencing Monday, November 11th, 2013 on payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents ($28.25) non-refundable cash or cheque payable to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

As of Monday, November 11th, 2013, Tender Documents may be viewed at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division and at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

OVERNIGHT WINTER PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snowplowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014.

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Matt Richardson).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

HOUSEKEEPING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
REGULATION OF OUTDOOR PRIVATE PATIOS AND COMMERICAL USES ON MUNICIPAL LANDS

The development community and members of the public are invited to attend an Open House regarding the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law to incorporate provisions for the regulation of outdoor private patios and commercial uses on municipal land in the Town of Fort Erie on:

Thursday, November 21st, 2013, 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Atrium, Fort Erie Town Hall,
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario

The Town of Fort Erie initiated a housekeeping amendment to the Town's Zoning By-law to incorporate provisions for the regulation of outdoor private patios and commercial uses on municipal land through approval of administrative report CDS-90-2013 at its meeting of November 4th, 2013. The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate regulations for outdoor private patios and commercial uses on municipal lands into the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 and to establish a policy and procedures for permitting these uses. The objective is to permit well designed, patios located in front of businesses on municipal lands through a standardized, fair and defensible permitting process.

The objective of the informal public meeting is to gather the views and opinions of the public prior to Town Council considering the amendment. A future Public meeting will be held with Council at their meeting of January 13, 2014. Town staff will be available to address any of your questions, comments, or concerns.

For more information, please contact Susan Dunsmore, P.Eng., Development Coordinator at: (905) 871-1600 extension 2505 or sdunsmore@town.forterie.on.ca

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION
PURPOSE: OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW 129-90 HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT - MEDICAL MARIHUANA GROW AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES
APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND , 2013
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
1 MUNICIPAL CENTRE DRIVE, FORT ERIE

APPLICATION #: 350309-0374 & 350302-0086
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the proposed amendments apply to all lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie.

PURPOSE: In June of 2013, new "Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR)" were added to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. These new regulations allow larger medical marihuana production facilities to be established within the municipality. The purpose of the Town's amendments is to ensure that new medical marihuana grow and production facilities are appropriately located in the Town, within specific designations and zones, and with specific setback requirements to minimize any impacts to adjacent land uses.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Kira Dolch Manager of Development Approvals at (905) 871-1600 extension 2502 or kdolch@town.forterie.on.ca. A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on November 29th, 2013. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

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Dated this 7TH day of November, 2013.

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

Dave Heyworth, MCIP, RPP, Acting Director of Community and Development Services

Guiding youth to Niagara jobs

Grant LaFleche
QMI Agency Niagara

As a region, Niagara is getting older. The region has one of the oldest populations in Canada and while it ages, many of Niagara's best and brightest young minds leave to find work elsewhere in the country.

It is something that Walter Sendzik, the CEO of the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, is hoping to change.

> **"A lot of employers in Niagara have jobs, but to find qualified people they have to look outside Niagara."**
> *— Walter Sendzik*
> *CEO of Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce*

The chamber is partnering with NEXTNiagara — a program that serves young professionals in Niagara — to create a web tool aimed at keeping young talent in the region.

"Absolutely we are trying to stop the brain drain of young people in Niagara," Sendzik said. "A lot of employers in Niagara have jobs, but to find qualified people they have to look outside Niagara."

The program is called Job Route, and Sendzik said it will be aimed at Grade 7 students to show them what kind of careers exist in Niagara and what kind of schooling they will need to qualify for them.

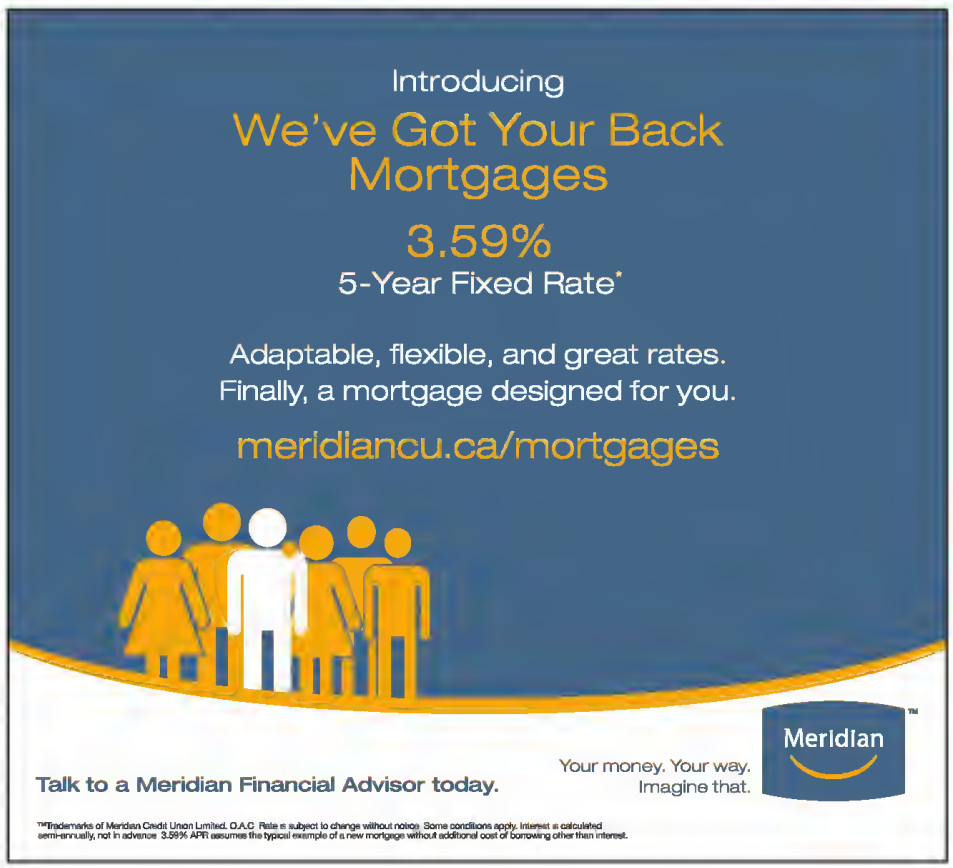
He said Job Route, funded by a two-year $90,800 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is focusing on emerging local industries like bio-technology, advanced manufacturing and agri-tourism.

Sendzik said Job Route is targetting Grade 7 students because by Grade 9, Ontario students are asked to start planning out what they want to do with their future.

"They are being asked what educational stream they are going to go into, if they are going to university or college and what they will take," Sendzik said. "So hopefully, by giving them this information before then, they will have a couple of years to figure out what they may want to do."

Job Route will take the form of a multi-media web tool that can be used by teachers in the classroom. It will highlight growing sectors and what qualifications are needed to work in them. Even if a student wants to become an entrepreneur, there will be material in Job Route to help them, Sendzik said.

Job Route is scheduled to launch in 2014.



New LCBO set to open Nov. 20

Fort Erie's new LCBO will open its doors to the public at 10 a.m. on Nov. 20.

The 8,000 square-foot building is located off Thompson Rd. just east of the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Store manager Eddie Kocaj said the old store will close Nov. 19, meaning there will be a one-day moving period where both locations will be closed.

"We have to move the computing system over to the new store," he said.

The closest LCBO outlet is at the Stevensville Garden Gallery on Stevensville Rd.

Once open, the new LCBO will feature an expanded vintage wines section and walk-in beer fridge featuring more than 250 brands.

Thew new location features 5,000 square feet of retail space, Kocaj said.

Remembrance Day services in Fort Erie, Niagara Falls

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend the City of Niagara Falls Remembrance Day service at the Gale Centre on Monday.

Organized by the Niagara Falls Central Veteran's Committee, the service will include the traditional observance of two minutes of silence.

"Attending a Remembrance Day Service gives us the opportunity to show our gratitude to all those brave men and women," said Barbara Burrows, president of the British Canadian Veteran's Association and committee member.

"We remember those who lost their lives, many of them in the prime of their youth."

Major Rev. Duncan Lyon will read the Prayer for Canada's Wartime Dead and Monsignor Vincent Ferrando will deliver the closing prayer.

Two poems will be read by Saint Paul High School students and Chandra Easterbrook will recite In Flanders Fields.

Following the ceremony, a dedication presentation of wreaths will take place at the cenotaph on Clifton Hill.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 396 in Chippawa held its Remembrance Day service last Sunday at the Chippawa-Willoughby Arena.

Fort Erie will host two ceremonies: a service on Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mather Arch, and a second service Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the RCL Br. 130 on Garrison Rd.

REMEMBRANCE DAY FACTS

Originally called Armistice Day, it began in 1919.

From 1923 to 1931, it was held on the Monday of the week in which Nov. 11 fell.

In 1931, MP Allan Neill introduced bill to hold Armistice Day on a fixed day - Nov. 11.

The bill also stated the word "Remembrance" would be used instead of "Armistice".

Church donates to food bank

MELISSA MANGELSEN The Times

The All Saints' Anglican Church in Ridgeway donated $1,000 to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank on Thursday. The money for the donation came from the silent auction and trivia night the church hosted at the end of September.

"St. Vincent de Paul buys a lot of perishable food for people, like milk. This is part of our outreach to our community. We wanted to support a cause in the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach area. We're a small church, but we're mighty," said Sandy White.

The cheque was presented to Judy Learn from St. Vincent de Paul from the congregation of the All Saints' Anglican Church. Back from left: John White, Robert MacDonald, Gary Pollard, Don Moon, Sandy White, Ken Sleeper. Middle row, from left: Thirza Gonsalves, Nancy Moon, Gloria Danysiuk, Bev Sleeper. Front row, from left: Eleanor Lake, Judy Learn.

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Notice of the FirstOntario Credit Union 14th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 14th Annual General Meeting of FirstOntario Credit Union Limited will be held:

Date & Time: December 4th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
(registration begins at 6:15 p.m.)
Place: White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa
Address: 253 Taylor Road SS4, Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario, L0S 1J0

The purpose of this meeting:

1. To receive the:
   - Report of the Board of Directors
   - Auditors' Report
   - Report of the Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2013
   - Report of the Loan Officer
   - Report of the Audit Committee
2. To appoint Auditors.
3. To receive a Report on the Election of Directors.
4. To transact any other business of an Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be conducted in accordance with and respect of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act and follow Robert's Rules of Order.

Please be advised that this meeting will be open only to Members in good standing as of Monday, November 4th, 2013. Members will be required to show their FirstOntario debit card and/or other piece of identification for registration purposes.

Attention Unincorporated Associations, Partnerships and Corporations: You are asked to submit a Proxy to your branch by 2:00 p.m., on December 3rd, 2013, the day prior to the meeting, in order for signing authorities to be verified.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available.

Copies of the 2013 Financial Reports will be available to Members after November 21st, 2013 in all FirstOntario branches, on our website at FirstOntario.com and at the Annual General Meeting.

For further details, please visit our website at FirstOntario.com.

Ron Fleet
Corporate Secretary

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Request for booze in corner stores denied

Rob Houle
QMI Agency Niagara

The provincial government has shot down a request by the Ontario Convenience Stores Association to allow the sale of alcohol in corner stores.

"The government is not entertaining that idea at all," St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley said. "There's a feeling Ontarians are well served by the current model of sale of alcohol."

The convenience store association, which includes Avondale, 7-11 and Mac's as well as Petro-Canada and Canadian Tire, wants the law changed so its stores can sell local wines and craft beers.

Bradley cited a concern about the sale of booze to minors if the liquor laws were to be changed to allow sales in corner stores, a concern echoed by Welland NDP MPP Cindy Forster.

"We think it's harder to enforce the drinking age limit. So if you had it in every corner store, who's going to do that enforcement? Who's going to do the training of those employees?" she said.

St. Catharines riding Conservative candidate Mathew Siscoe said if convenience stores can be trusted to sell tobacco products, they can be trusted to sell alcohol.

Larry Stewart, president of Avondale Stores, which has LCBO agencies at its stores in Vineland and Wainfleet, said his employees use due diligence when selling alcohol.

"We've had them both open for 10 years," he said of the Vineland and Wainfleet agencies, "and we've never had any issues at all with customers, and all our staff check IDs on a regular basis. They're all trained, they all do the Smart Serve program."

Completion of the Smart Serve Responsible Alcohol Service Training Program is required training to serve alcohol in Ontario.

While OK with LCBO agencies at certain corner stores, Roger Vail said he is not in favour of booze being available at all corner stores.

"I think we should be really looking at a restrictive control ... just to make sure that we have the right people in the community handing out product to the young people," the Vineland resident said inside the Vineland Avondale.

Outside the Avondale at the corner of Louth St. and St. Paul St. West in St. Catharines, non-drinker Fred Waterer said he is not in favour of the expansion of booze sales.

"It would be too easy for kids to get it," he said.

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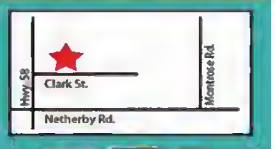

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Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie SPCA drew three winners as part of their annual 50/50 draw fundraiser.

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Halloween Ghoulyweds

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Melissa and Jeff Keller got married on Halloween at Elope Niagara near Black Creek in Stevensville. The two lovers of the holiday completed their ceremony by dressing in black and posed with Jack Skellington, a popular character from the movie The Nightmare Before Christmas. For more information about Elope Niagara and their upcoming events visit www.elopeniagara.com.

Trick or treat!

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Vivianne Cooney of the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area hands out candy to some trick or treaters from Ridgeway Public School and Bertie Elementary School on Halloween. Cooney said more than 350 children collected candy from Ridge Rd. merchants.

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Winds top 100 km/h

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Free computers for those in need

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway's PDC Computers is reaching out to the community by giving back to people who are in need of computers.

"We are currently taking any old or new computers or laptops that people don't want. They don't even have to work. Once I refurbish them and install Windows and (Microsoft) Office we are giving them away to people who are in need of a computer, but cannot afford one," said owner Palo Di Carlo.

He is working with charities and individuals to help provide people with computers that they need for school or to get a job.

"People come to me and I assess them. I hear their stories and we go from there," he said.

Eventually, he will adopt a more structured form that needs to be filled out before computers are donated.

"We ask who it's for and why they need a system. I make sure it's not just someone who wants a computer for free. We have to determine if there's a need."

People may also donate computers and determine where they want their donation to go.

He works with people who are low-income, ill, or have had a tragic event in their lives.

"I just wanted to do something for the community. We're located right here in Ridgeway. There are other programs which help people get a computer, but why travel to the GTA when you can get that service right here?"

Di Carlo and his fiancee Bonnie Gale, are no strangers to the struggles of having a child with special needs and know what it's like to overcome obstacles.

"Our son has autism. He's 14-years-old and has overcome a lot of obstacles that were in his path," said Gale.

PDC Computers is looking for a location in the community to set up a free-computer clinic.

"Basically, it would be three hours of free computer service to people who typically can't afford to get their machines fixed," he said. "We're always thinking of how we can serve our own community."

If you have a location, and are interested in hosting the computer workshop or have a computer you would like to donate, Di Carlo can be reached at 905-246-9509, or by email at info@pdccomputers.ca

They also welcome drop ins at their location at 466 Belleview Blvd. in Ridgeway.

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Palo Di Carlo, owner of PDC Computers in Ridgeway, is offering a service to help those who are in need of a computer receive one for free.

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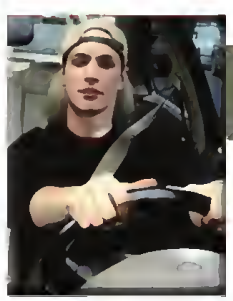

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Conservation club receives defibrillator donation

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

After sudden cardiac arrest, chances of survival decrease by 7% to 10% each minute that passes. It's that statistic that makes the presence of an Automated External Defibrillator so important.

The Fort Erie Conservation Club received an AED donation from the Niagara EMS Pedal Angels recently.

Tim Jakob, of Heart Niagara, was at the Stevensville Club Thursday to teach members lifesaving skills.

"Currently there are 400 AEDs throughout the Niagara region. They're so important in the event of cardiac arrest," he said.

Don Haynes from the Conservation Club said that they host about 100 events annually, and they have a mature base member list at the club.

"We're really glad to have it. It's one of those things that you hope you never need to use, but you're glad it's there," he said.

Jakob said they try to choose locations where there a lot of people gather.

The Pedal Angels are a team that was developed three years ago in response to an invitation by the Heart and Stroke Foundation to participate in a program called EMS/PAD Challenge connected with their Ride for Heart event in Toronto.

Over the past three years, the Pedal Angels have been the most successful EMS team in the province, raising more than $80,000 and placing 32 AED units in Niagara. They have also provided training to 350 community responders through their local partner Heart Niagara.

The team uses 100% of their funds in the Niagara region to support resuscitation activities like placing community based AED's.

In Fort Erie the Pedal Angels have placed AEDs at the Beachcombers Seniors Centre in Ridgeway and the Fort Erie Conservation Club.

Cardiac arrest can occur in any age group. No one is immune. It means the heart unexpectedly and abruptly quits beating. It's usually caused by an abnormal heart rhythm called ventricular fibrillation.

A microprocessor inside the defibrillator interprets the victimsheartrhythm through adhesive electrodes. The machine then determines whether or not a shock is needed. Because of this system it is impossible to 'shock' someone who isn't in need of it.

MELISSA MANGELSEN The Times

Al Doneff, of Niagara EMS Pedal Angels, right, and Tim Jakobs, Heart Niagara, second from left, hand over their donation of the AED to the Fort Erie Conservation Club in Stevensville. Connie Charron and Don Haynes received the donation on behalf of the club.

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Strong third period for Meteors leads to win

Cory Smith
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The Fort Erie Meteors hung on for a 6-5 win over the Port Colborne Pirates Saturday.

The teams traded leads throughout the game, with the Meteors ahead 3-1 after the first period and Port Colborne up 4-3 going into the third.

Fort Erie (4-10-3) scored three times in the final frame and allowed a goal with 28 seconds left.

Meteors leading scorer Jesse Pereira added to his strong season with a goal and three assists.

Carson Johnstone had two goals and an assist, while captain Nik Passero had a goal and two assists.

Nicolas Giancola and Jack Webb, whose first goal in three games with the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League team was the winner, had single markers.

Sam Quaranta chipped in with three assists.

Fort Erie goalie Josh Rosettani made 25 saves.

The Meteors outshot Port Colborne 34-30.

Brock Ackerman scored twice for the Pirates, who have lost five straight and play in Thorold Thursday and host Fort Erie Friday.

Mack Steele, Dayne Johnson and Charlie Izaguirre -- who added three assists -- had the other goals.

The Meteors went 3-for-8 on the power play, and the Pirates were 1-for-2.

Closing the gap between Canadian and U.S. prices

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Looking at the back of a book often irks Peter Heywood.

The owner of Fiction Addiction Books on Thorold Stone Rd. says it's unfair that Canadians have to pay more for their fiction addiction than American readers.

Both Canadian and American prices are listed on the back of books and Canadians pay more despite the loonie's current strong showing.

"It's frustrating," Heywood said.

"There was a big difference in the exchange rate that justified somewhat the price difference," he said.

"But, we've been very close for a long time now so there really shouldn't be a difference in prices when our dollar is almost the same as the U.S. dollar."

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty hinted earlier this week that a crackdown on companies taking advantage of the cross-border price gap is in the cards.

Flaherty said his department has been meeting with major retailers to explore why Canadians often pay more than Americans on a grab bag of goods.

He said while there is no easy solution, "there are also some things that seem to be just taking advantage."

Tim Parker, Ripley's Entertainment general manager and past chairman of the Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce, agreed there is no quick fix to eliminating the gap between the sticker price of consumer goods sold in Canada and the U.S.

> **"The average person who lives close the border can get $100 in groceries that, if they bought in Canada, would be $150."**
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> *— Tim Parker*
> *Ripley's Entertainment general manager*

"The average person who lives close the border can get $100 in groceries that, if they bought in Canada, would be $150," he said.

"That's the reality of it but it's really a double-edged sword. At the end of the day, because retailers in Canada buy what we need from the U.S. and, after taxes and tariffs, we still need to get our profit margin up."

Parker described the current price discrepancies as "another wave in the cycle."

"We've seen this over and over again. It's another cycle and as long as Canadians continue to buy in the U.S. it will take longer to get out of this cycle."

The Conservative government has made several promises to get to the bottom of the price gouging, most recently in this month's throne speech.

Flaherty is waiting for a report from department officials before taking action.

But he said: "There are always persuasive techniques that can be used to nudge people in the right direction."

The Retail Council of Canada is working with the ministry to address what is known as "country pricing" where multi-national brands use two price lists - one for Canada and one for the United States.

"We are working with them to identify opportunities to ensure that the same products are sold to retailers in either Canada or the United States at the same cost," said RCC spokesperson David Wilkes.

In addition to paying a premium for books, Canadians also pay more for clothing, appliances and over-the-counter medication.

Meanwhile, although there are price differences in newbooks, Heywood has seen an increase in American buyers at his store.

"Interestingly enough, I have a lot of American clients. A lot of used book stores like us have closed down."

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THE FLU VACCINE

It is time to start thinking about getting the Flu vaccine. There will be flu shot clinics offered in the local area in the upcoming weeks that anyone can go to. Often these clinics are underutilized. There is still a great deal of misunderstanding about the flu vaccine and who should be immunized

Each year an average of 20,000 people are hospitalized, and between 2,000 and 8,000 Canadians can die of influenza and its complications. Those most likely to suffer complications of the flu are the most vulnerable, children under two and adults over 65. The seasonal influenza vaccine is safe and effective and can benefit people of all ages. The flu shot only provides protection up to 12 months; immunization is required each year. This year's flu shot protects against the H1N1 flu virus as well as two other strains of flu. October to mid-November is the best time for immunization, but the vaccine may still be given in winter months.

Who should get immunized? The following is a list from the recommended guidelines.

PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK OF INFLUENZA-RELATED COMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING:

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- PREGNANT WOMEN
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- ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

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- MEMBERS OF A HOUSEHOLD EXPECTING A NEWBORN DURING FLU SEASON
- WOMEN AT ALL STAGES OF PREGNANCY OR BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS
- THOSE PROVIDING REGULAR CHILD CARE TO CHILDREN 0-23 MONTHS
- THOSE WHO PROVIDE SERVICES WITHIN CLOSED SETTINGS TO PERSONS AT HIGH RISK

OTHERS

- PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES
- PEOPLE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH AVIAN INFLUENZA INFECTED POULTRY
- HEALTHY PEOPLE AGED 5-64 YEARS SHOULD CONSIDER GETTING THE VACCINE EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT IN ONE OF THE ABOVE GROUPS

The list of those who should receive the vaccine is extensive. If you have had an anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine or one of its components you should not get the vaccine. Or, if you have an allergy to eggs you should discuss getting the vaccine with your health care practitioner. However, it has been shown that egg-allergic individuals may be vaccinated using the TIV vaccine.

Children 6 months to less than 9 years who have never received the seasonal flu vaccine require two doses, with a minimum of four weeks between doses.

Please remember that the flu shot cannot cause the flu. If you have become sick after getting the shot in the past it was a coincidental infection of some other kind. The main side effect is pain and redness at the site of injection for a day or two afterward.

The flu shot is effective. Scientific studies show the effectiveness of the flu shot to range from 70% to 90%.

Adults over 65 should also look in to getting the pneumococcal vaccine. Pneumococcal disease, a common complication of influenza, is a bacterial disease that can cause meningitis, bacteremia (a bloodstream infection) and pneumonia. You can get this vaccine at the same time as the flu shot through your doctor

To date you must get your flu shot through your doctor or the flu shot clinics in the area. At some point in the near future this vaccine may become available to be given by your pharmacist who will be trained to give injections.

If you have any questions about any of the above information please call or visit your local pharmacy.

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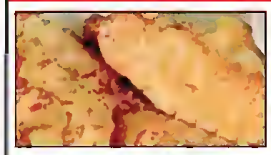

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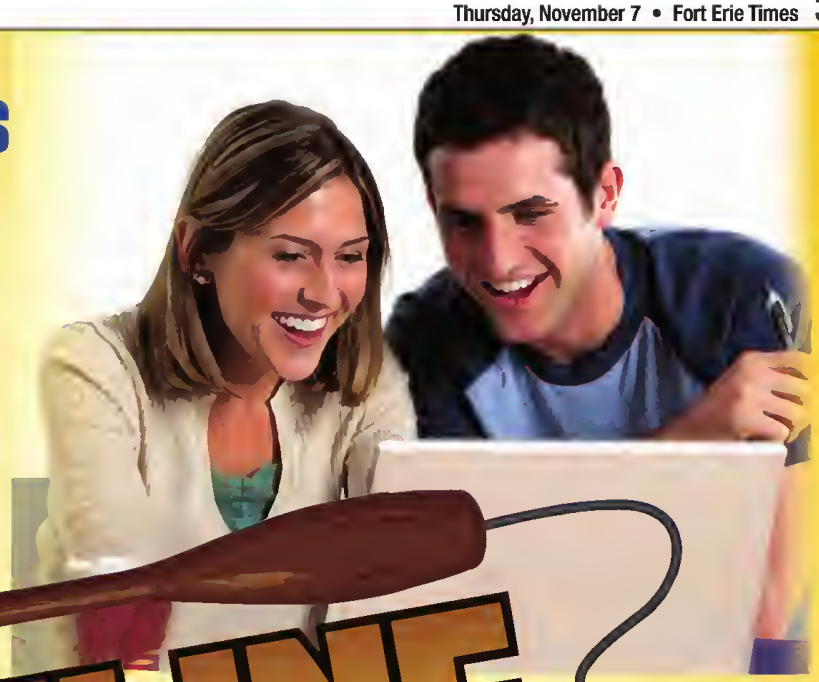

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Call centres thrive, despite local closure news

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

While Niagara's call centre industry took a big blow this week, it's important to put it in perspective.

Though many workers depend on these jobs, they're not among the area's major employment sectors, says a Niagara economic development official.

"Some of them are very good, others are more entry level," said Diane Simsovic, Niagara Region's director of economic development. "But every job is important to the people who hold them. So the loss of these jobs is obviously going to be very important to them and their families."

This, after Monday's announcement that Transcom call centre in the city's downtown will close, with about 260 employees set to lose their jobs early next year.

Simsovic said the centers currently employ roughly 4,500 positions in about 15 sites — this, in a region that has more than 200,000 workers.

She adds the industry is an extremely competitive global one, with pitched battles for clients.

"They are constantly looking, as other businesses are, for ways to consolidate their locations so they can be profitable," she said. "I don't think the (Transcom) decision has anything to do with competitive conditions in the region.

"We do know, from other call centre employers, that they are very satisfied with the quality of the labour force here ... they tend to experience lower turnover."

That said, call centre jobs — which pay average wages roughly ranging from $11-17 per hour, plus bonuses and commissions — are a lifeblood for many Niagara residents.

So to pull that many from St. Catharines could mean financial devastation for some.

It's this realization that troubles Deb Nanson of Terrys Evergreen Addiction Recovery Services in St. Catharines.

"Poverty is poverty and some of those people struggle with jobs," Nanson said. "If it's been productive here, and's still productive, why can't it stay here?

"Why do you have to move it? You have people here who have probably done good work — and you reward them with moving to another city or country."

"What if they're living paycheque to paycheque ... what's going to happen?"

Transcom isn't the first Niagara call centre to close, or announce major job additions and losses, which are relatively common in the sector.

In downtown St. Catharines, TRG Customer Solutions on St. Paul Street shut down in 2008, putting more than 400 out of work.

Call centers have also opened with a splash, including a Canadian Tire Financial Services site in St. Catharines in 2005.

Brian York, economic development manager for the City of St. Catharines, also stresses Transcom's move to close its King St. site is an economic one, and not related to the local economy.

"It's not a reflection of the downtown, it's a business decision," York said. "We continue to aggressively market opportunities in St. Catharines to call centers as a viable opportunity to do business.

"We have a couple of solid leads right now," he added. "And we work collaboratively with the province to do this."

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One call centre in St. Catharines says its growing like gangbusters, and is encouraging any laid off Transcom workers to apply for new jobs there.

"We're hiring immediately and have a need for up to 40 people," said Sonia Vendittelli of OneTouch Direct on Louth St., which has been in the city for at least 11 years. It has just under 180 employees.

"Into the new year, we'll have a need for even more people (about 30-50) as well," Vendittelli said.

"It would be nice for people told Monday they'd be losing their jobs that there's the potential for a new job right around the corner."

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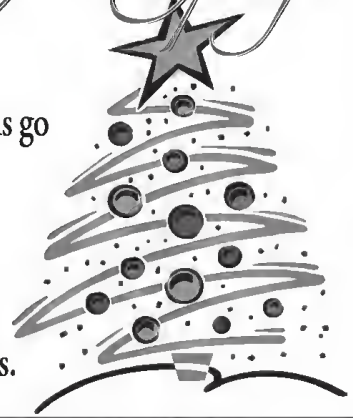
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More than 1,500 Niagara residents will suffer a stroke this year, but only half of them will call 9-1-1.

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But if you do make the call, Niagara is one of the best places in the province to suffer a stroke, said Susan Kwolek, Niagara Health System vice-president of patient services, because of the Region's top marks in getting patients to hospital where they can get the clot-busting medication known as t-PA.

"We would really like 100% of patients who experience the signs and symptoms of stroke to call 9-1-1 and get the proper treatment," Kwolek said. "People can be frightened or think that it will be faster if they come with a loved one in a car. But paramedics can assess you and start treatment right away."

The Greater Niagara General site serves as the NHS regional stroke centre, and Niagara has the best "door-to-needle" time in the province, said Leanne Hammond, stroke centre co-ordinator, in a prepared statement in honour of World Stroke Day, Oct. 29. The provincial benchmark is 60 minutes, but the Niagara average of door to needle time is 32 minutes, Hammond said.

Stroke patients who get care at a designated stroke centre are more likely to be alive, independent and living at home one year after suffering a stroke, Hammond said.

"But there is a limited amount of time from the onset of symptoms to when our stroke specialists can inject t-PA," she said. "That is why people should not wait to see if they will feel better, or drive themselves to the hospital."

Kwolek said the longer the wait for treatment of stroke, the more loss of brain cells will occur, which results in loss of motor function, speech, or memory. In the worst case, a stroke can be fatal.

"It's better to err on the side of caution and have it proven wrong," Kwolek said, "than to not come in.

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Abolish the Senate, say Niagara MPs Dykstra and Allen

Grant Lafleche
QMI Agency Niagara

Sitting on opposite sides of the House of Commons, Conservative Rick Dykstra and NDP member Malcolm Allan don't agree on much.

So it is no surprise the Niagara MPs describe the unfolding federal Senate scandal in starkly different terms.

While admitting the seriousness of the problem, Dykstra sees it playing out as a result of transparency in government. Allan views it as a consequence of the truth being deliberately hidden.

But where they both agree is on what the ultimate fate of the Senate itself should be.

Allan, MP for Welland, and St. Catharines MP Dykstra want to consign it to the dust bin of history.

"I've believed it all along. Maybe it made sense to have the Senate when Canada was first formed as a nation, but we have long passed whatever purpose it was supposed to serve," Dykstra said. "I would love to stand up in the House of Commons tomorrow and have a vote on abolishing the Senate."

As far as Allan is concerned the so called "house of sober second thought" doesn't serve the interests of Canadians.

"I think if you asked Canadians they would tell the government what they want them to do with the Senate," he said. "We used to have provincial senates. Those that had them got rid of them. We should do the same in Ottawa."

The MPs disagree, however, about what the scandal says about the current government.

Allan said Prime Minister Stephen Harper cannot escape blame for the ongoing issue of how senators Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin and Patrick Brazeau have used tax dollars to pay their expenses.

"The buck stops with the Prime Minister," Allan said. "Part of the issue here is that the Conservatives, like the Liberals, include their senators in their caucus meetings, where policy positions are discussed and decided ... So they are part of the party and their leaders are Prime Minister Harper for the Conservatives and Mr. Trudeau for the Liberals."

Allan said Harper's changing story about what happened after he learned his former chief of staff gave Duffy a $90,000 cheque — first Harper said Nigel Wright resigned, but now says he fired him — is undermining the government's claim to be transparent.

Dykstra, however, defended his leader, saying nothing is being covered up.

"When Prime Minister Harper learned about this, he came forward with it right away. He didn't cover it up, he brought it forward," Dykstra said. "Why is this coming forward? Because we are committed to transparency in government. Now, that means sometimes you are going to get a pat on the back but sometimes it means you are going to get criticized."

While the fate of the three senators under fire by their colleagues has yet to be sealed, the local MPs would like to see the entire house vanish.

How that could happen, however, is another point of disagreement.

Dykstra said Canadians are focused on the economy and jobs, and opening up the constitution to abolish the senate isn't something most citizens have the stomach for.

"I don't think Canadians want us to be seized by this kind of issue, like past governments were seized by Charlottetown and Meech," Dykstra said, referring to past attempts at constitutional reforms. "They want us to stay focused on jobs."

Dykstra said the Tories are awaiting a Supreme Court ruling on what the House of Commons can do to change the Senate without having to open the constitution.

Allan thinks the Senate scandal has become "water cooler talk" and genuinely upsets Canadians. A national referendum is in order, he said.

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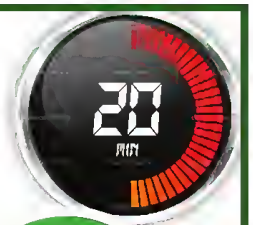

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Ontario government to spend $5.5 million for protection for animals

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

Marineland and other facilities hosting marine mammals will now go under the microscope as the Ontario government has pledged $5.5 million a year in support of animal welfare.

Minister of Community Safety Madeleine Meilleur, who's responsible for animal protection legislation in the province, announced last week the money will help the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals strengthen protection for animals.

"Our government cares deeply for the wellbeing of animals wherever they live in this province," Meilleur said.

The plan calls for regular inspections of zoos and aquariums and establishing a standard of care for all marine mammals including whales, dolphins and seals.

Marineland welcomes the announcement.

"The well-being of our animals and mammals has, and always will be, our first priority," Marineland said in a statement.

"Like us, our visitors want to ensure those animals and mammals they love are well cared for and we are confident the establishment of transparent standards of care will provide that assurance and in the process ensure the long-term and ongoing success of Marineland."

Meilleur said the government is seeking technical advice from the scientific community regarding standards of care.

Marineland said it will be pleased to "share its knowledge and experience with the scientific reviewer."

OSPCA agents made four surprise inspections Marineland in 2012 after allegations of animal abuse and neglect were made by former employees and animal activists.

The agency issued six orders to Marineland in December 2012. The orders — repair back-stage lighting, examine a marine mammal's eyes, make elk shelter bigger, make red deer enclosure bigger and stop bears from reproducing — were complied with and subsequently revoked.

Meanwhile, the new OSPCA funding will strengthen the enforcement of animal welfare laws in under-served areas and create a squad of investigators who will crack down on puppy and kitten mills.

"This announcement begins a new era for animal protection in Ontario," said OSPCA chairman Rob Godfrey.

Jay Desroches, manager of the Niagara Falls Humane Society said: "Any dedicated funding and resources directed towards the welfare of all animals in Ontario is a progressive step forward," he said.

There are more than 60 zoos and aquariums in Ontario.

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A killer whale at Marineland in May, 2013.

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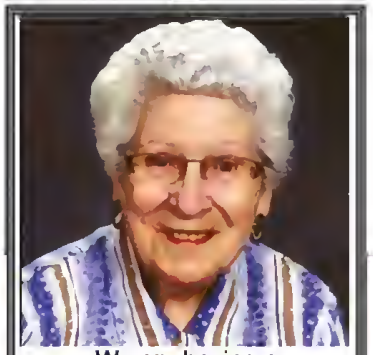

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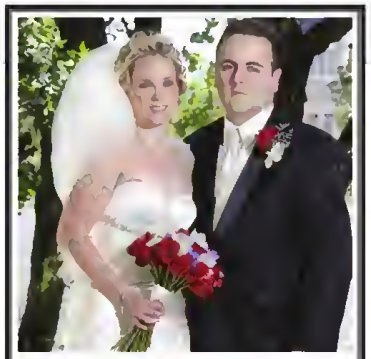

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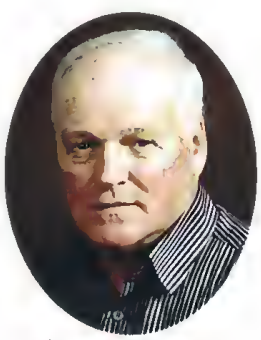
CROTINGER, John - Peacefully at home on Thursday October 31, 2013 in his 89th year. Loving husband and best friend of Joy for 54 years, and devoted father to Margaret (Erhardt) and grandson Jochin in Germany. Predeceased by son David. Proud WWII veteran of the Canadian Army, joining at age 16. Lifetime member of Branch 230 Royal Canadian Legion and 40 year employee of CNP. Honoring John's wishes cremation has taken place and donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund Branch 230, Ridgeway ON or the Lion's Club, Ridgeway Guide Dogs for the Blind would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES,** 905-894-0120.



LAFRENIÈRE, André - André passed away on November 4th, 2013 at the Hotel Dieu Shaver Hospital at the age of 68. Loving husband of Diane (nee Blais). Proud father of Stéphane of Ottawa. Cherished grandfather of Jessica of Texas. Sadly missed by his sister Helen Lafrenière of Quebec. Also survived by the members of the Blais family, Carmen (Claude), Jacqueline, René (Helen), Ginette (Guy), Michel (Guylyne), Eugene (Carmen) all of Quebec, and Real (Helena) of Ontario and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother in law Claude. André was employed for many years with the Public Works department at the Town of Fort Erie. A member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Funeral details incomplete at this time. Consult **www.bennerfuneralservices.com** or call 905 871 0444.

MARTIN, James Curtis - Passed away unexpectedly in Niagara Falls on the 28th of October 2013 at the age of 50. The son of the late James and Bev Martin, James will be forever remembered by his children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. An opportunity for family and friends to gather and support each other occurred on Saturday November 2nd from 7 - 8 pm at the Funeral Home. If so desired, contributions that evening to assist with an eternal memorial site would be appreciated by the family.

SCHNEIDER, John Herbert - **Feb 7 1924 - Oct 25 2013** It is with great sadness that we announce John's passing in his 90th year. Until his retirement John was employed by CN Rail in Fort Erie. He was a member of St Michael's Church and the Knights of Columbus. John was a kind and simple man that will be missed by all that knew and loved him. Survived by his sisters Edna Cornetti, Alice Underhill and Betty Colgan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Schneider. We would like to thank the Red Cross PSW's for their assistance with John's care. At John's request cremation has taken place and a Funeral Mass will be held at St George's Catholic Church, 3800 Wellington Rd, Crystal Beach, ON on November 9, 2013 at 1:00PM. Interment at St Joseph's Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES,** 905-894-0120.

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ST. LOUIS, Lola M. - Passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Saturday November 2, 2013, at the age of 92, surrounded by her loving family. Lola, beloved wife of the late Joseph St. Louis, loving mother of Andree St. Louis (Tom Steer), Diane Landsborough (Glyndon), Robert St. Louis, grandmother of Kevin Squires (Julie), Shelley Maarhuis (Martin) Tim Fulton (Deanna), Kimberly Gicharu, Jeanine St. Louis, Brandon St. Louis, great grandmother of Nicholas Squires, Zachary Squires (Caitlin), MacKenzie Fulton, Nevaeh Kabu. Lola will be dearly missed by all her family & friends. At Lola's request cremation has taken place. Funeral Mass & interment will be in Montreal, Quebec. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** (905) 894-0120.

STEWART, Andrea Dorian - Passed away suddenly due to a tragic accident on Friday November 1, 2013, at the age of 56. Andrea is survived by her brother Alan, sisters Adele Barry (Philip) and Karen Stewart. She will be sadly missed by nieces Brooke and Brianne. Andrea will always be remembered in the hearts of her friends Darlene, Frieda, Kaye and Casey. Fondly remembered by cousins Linda Warner and Diane Lee (Ivan). Predeceased by her parents David and Bernice Stewart and long time family friend Lloyd James. Andrea lived in Port Colborne since the late 70's, and is originally from the Fort Erie area. Cremation has taken place. Andrea's family will receive friends at the **ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**, 179 Clarence Street, Port Colborne on Thursday from 2-4 p.m and 7-9 p.m. The Memorial Service will be held in the Armstrong Chapel on Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Rob Bannister officiating. Interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery Dunnville.

In Memoriams

John Gonczi
March 21, 1940 - November 12, 2011

It's been one year and remembered
Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure

Loved and missed always
Irene, Emma, Elisabeth

Montironi, Vince
In memory of our wonderful father and grandfather, who left us eight years ago on November 10, 2005.

Your love will always be felt in our hearts and your memory will never be forgotten in our lives.

Richerd, Tie, Derrick, Anne Merie, Mike, Andrew, Melissa, Carli, Claire and Michael.

Robert Arthur Newman
April 28, 1932 - November 11, 2010

God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be.
So He closed His arms around you,
And whispered come to Me.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Gentle hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.
In tears we saw you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
Our hearts were truly broken,
You fought so hard to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping,
So peacefully from pain,
We could not wish you back,
To suffer that again.
So keep your arms around him Lord,
And give him special care,
Make up for all he suffered,
And all that seemed unfair,
So you who have a father,
Cherish him with care,
For you'll never know the heartache,
Till you see his vacant chair.
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Your loving wife Minnie end Family.

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